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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE INCENDIARY DEVICE AT INTOURIST (STATE 172951),
ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS ALERTED FBI AND LOCAL POLICE
JURISDICTIONS TO HEIGHTENED THREAT OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST SOVIET INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL DURING
AND FOLLOWING SHCHARANSKY TRIAL. CLOSE WATCH SHOULD
BE KEPT ON JDL.

2. ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY'S BROTHER LEONID DELIVERED TO
RAYSMITH AT LATTER'S APARTMENT ON JULY 9, A BOX OF
EXPOSED STILL AND MOVIE FILM, CASSETTE TAPES AND
DOCUMENTS REPORTEDLY HAVING TO DO WITH ANATOLY'S
CASE. LABELS ON THE FILM INDICATE THAT IT WAS TAKEN BY
ONE RICHARD SOBOL, OF 15 NAPLES ROAD, BROOKLINE, MASS.
SOBOL HAD EARLIER CONTACTED THE CONSULAR SECTION ABOUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING FILM AND NOTES VIA THE
EMBASSY POUCH TO EITHER SENATOR JACKSON OR CONGRESSMAN
DRINAN. SINCE SOBOL HAD NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT HE
WAS IN FACT ACTING ON JACKSON'S OR DRINAN'S INSTRUCTIONS
HE WAS TOLD THAT EMBASSY COULD NOT GUARANTEE DELIVERY
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OF MATERIAL. HE, HOWEVER, INSISTED THAT HE WOULD LEAVE
THE MATERIAL WITH CONSULAR DUTY OFFICER ON SATURDAY
(SOBOL WAS DUE TO DEPART WITH TOUR GROUP ON SUNDAY) AND
WOULD HAVE JACKSON'S OFFICE OR DRINAN'S OFFICE CONTACT
DEPARTMENT TODAY TO AUTHORIZE DELIVERY. WE DO NOT
KNOW WHY SOBOL DECIDED NOT TO BRING THE MATERIALS IN
HIMSELF AS HE HAD INDICATED. IT WAS CERTAINLY

FOOLHARDY TO INTRUST THE TASK TO SHCHARANSKY'S
BROTHER, WHO MUST BE UNDER TIGHTEST SURVEILLANCE
THESE DAYS. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE THE MATERIALS AND
WILL AWAIT A TELEGRAM WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT
BEFORE DOING ANYTHING WITH IT. IF YOU ARE CONTACTED
ON THIS MATTER, YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT TO ALL
CONCERNED THE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS POSED BY INVOLVING
ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY IN DELIVERY TO EMBOFF. MATLOCK

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